(ग) इन एककों में उत्पादन को बढ़ाने के लिए सरकार ने क्या-क्या प्रयास किए हैं ?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एडुआर्डो फेलेरियो) :(क) और (ख) हिन्दुस्तान फर्टिलाइजर कारपोरेशन लि० (एच.एफ.सी.) के बरौनी, दुर्गापुर तथा नामरूप-I और II एककों की स्थापित क्षमता तथा गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान पोषकों के रूप में प्राप्त वास्तविक उत्पादन क्षमता तथा गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान पोषकों के रूप में प्राप्त वास्तविक उत्पादन के ब्यौरे नीचे दिए गए हैं :—

(000 मी. टन नाइट्रोजन में)

एकक का नाम	स्थापित क्षमता	वास्तविक उत्पादन		
		1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
बरौनी	151.8	53.8	48.4	10.1
दुर्गापुर	151.8	49.4	34.2	18.8
नामरूप-I	21.2	0.1	0.18	—
नामरूप-II	151.8	35.8	23.2	3.3

(ग) संयंत्रों में मरम्मत तथा प्रतिस्थापन तथा सभी एककों में कैप्टिव पावर संयंत्रों की स्थापना के लिए सरकार द्वारा वित्त प्रबन्ध करने के अतिरिक्त, सरकार निवेश आपूर्तियों की व्यवस्था करने के लिए एच.एफ.सी को वित्तीय समर्थन भी प्रदान कर रही है । संयंत्रों के वृहद पुनरुद्धार संबंधी प्रस्तावों को हाथ में नहीं लिया जा सका क्योंकि संयंत्रों के पुरानेपन, उच्च निवेशों, उनके परिणामस्वरूप आवर्ती भारी राजसहायता दायित्व तथा उत्पादन दक्षता के संबंध में चिरकालिक अनिश्चितता को ध्यान में रखते हुए उन्हें व्यवहार्य नहीं पाया गया । इस बीच, औद्योगिक और वित्तीय पुनर्निर्माण बोर्ड ने एच.एफ.सी. को एक कम्पनी घोषित कर दिया है और भारतीय औद्योगिक ऋण तथा निवेश निगम लि० (आई.सी.आई.सी.आई.) को एकक-वार पुनरुद्धार पैकेज तैयार करने के लिए प्रबंधन अभिकरण के रूप में नियुक्त किया है । इन एककों के भविष्य के संबंध में कोई भी निर्णय बी.आई.एफ.आर. जो एक न्यायिक कल्प प्राधिकरण है, के समक्ष लंबित कार्यवाहियों पर निर्भर करेगा ।

Effects of molasses decontrol on alcohol-based chemical industries

6866. **SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:**

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that alcohol-based chemical industries are incurring losses on account of decontrol of the price of molasses and alcohol; if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(b) whether some State Governments have introduced partial decontrol to assist the industries concerned; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to help the industry and if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Alcohol Based Chemical Industries have represented to the Government that they are under strain due to high price of molasses & alcohol prevailing in the market.

(b) Some State Governments have retained control over molasses and alcohol under existing State laws.

(c) The Government have reduced import duty on denatured alcohol required for industrial use from 105 per cent to 10 per cent to enable the industry to secure stocks at competitive international prices.

Gas Cracker Project in Assam

6867. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a Letter of Intent was issued on the 25th January, 1991 in favour of Assam Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) for some gas cracker project;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Assam Gas Cracker Project has since been launched;

(d) if so, the progress of the same as on the 25th April, 1994 and if no progress has been made, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether Government are aware that delay in implementation of the project is leading to cost escalation and receding the viability of the project;

(f) whether the circumstances referred to as envisaged in part (e) above will make it difficult for the AIDC to find a co-promoter, as envisaged in the scheme; and

(g) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to ensure speedy implementation of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO); (a) to (b) Yes, Sir. A letter of intent was issued on 25-1-1991 in favour of AIDC for a gas cracker project of 300,000 TPA Ethylene capacity and the connected downstream products like HDPE, LLDPE, etc. The validity of the letter of intent has been extended upto the end of January, 1996.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) AIDC propose to implement the project in the assisted sector. As per the available information, they are still in the process of selecting the co-promoter for the project.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) and (g) Having regard to the locational and other disadvantages inherent in setting up a project in Assam and the other North-Eastern States, the Government of Assam has approached the Central Government for grant of certain fiscal concessions, and availability of gas for the cracker at a concessional price over a period of time. Taking into consideration the incentives asked for by the Government of Assam, AIDC has re-worked the other details in consultation with M/s. Engineers India Limited.

Effect of GATT Agreement on fertilizer subsidy

6868. HRI S. S. SURJEWALA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) what will be the effect of GATT Agreement, popularly known as Dunkel Proposals, on the subsidy being currently given in fertilizers by Government of India and whether the subsidy is likely to be abolished/curtailed;

(b) whether the above agreement is going to adversely affect the interests of farmers in the country in the matter of fertilizer subsidy and price structure of fertilizers and pesticides; and